

PRESIDENT: All right, we'll move on to LB 591.

CLERK: Mr. President, 591 was a bill introduced by Senators Schmit, Schellpeper and Labedz. (Read.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of this year, Mr. President. The bill was advanced to General File. I have committee amendments pending by the General Affairs Committee. Senator, would you like to offer your amendment to the committee amendment now? In addition to the committee amendments, Mr. President, Senator Smith would move to amend those. Senator, I have your amendment number 1394 pending.

PRESIDENT: Senator Smith, would you like to take up your amendment to the committee amendments?

SENATOR SMITH: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I'll give you just a brief introductory sentence to let you all know what we're talking about here. We're talking about LB 591 which authorizes and regulates interstate simulcasting of horse racing as authorized by a vote of the people under Constitutional Amendment 2 in 1988, Senator Chambers. (Laugh.) It was by a vote of the people that was authorized. I wanted to make that very clear to the members of the body. What my amendment would do is clarify the committee language regarding the requirements to be met before the Racing Commission approves interstate simulcasting as it applies to the quarter horse tracks. It simply says that "regardless of the total number of days of live racing conducted in each year", that's all it does. It fits in on page 3, Section 6, lines...where you start with line 15, it says after "race track" insert "conducting primarily quarter horse races in the year immediately preceding the year for which application is made", and then I insert "regardless of the total number of days live racing conducted in such year", and then go back into the language of the committee amendment. It's a simple, clarifying amendment, and it has the approval of the industry. I would ask for your support in adopting this amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers, please, did you wish to speak about the Smith...Senator Nelson, on the Smith amendment to the committee amendments.